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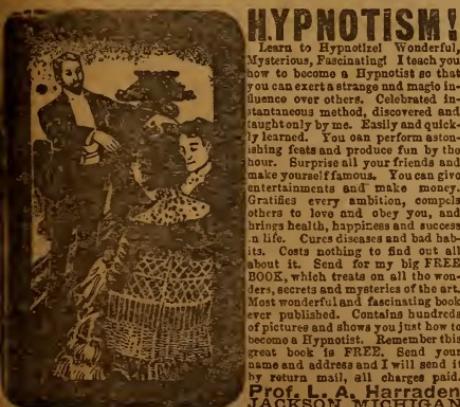
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[NOTE.—The flower inquired about is Schizanthus.—ED.]

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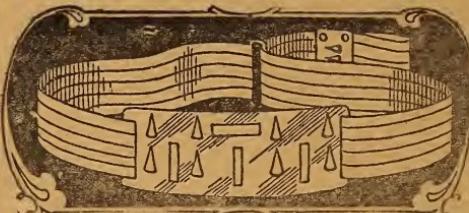


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## FLOWERS.

To the weary one, they give sweet rest,  
The sick at heart by them are blest;  
To many, who afar do roam,  
They bring sweet thoughts of childhood's home.  
*Sullivan Co., Ind.* *Miss Aleath Carson.*

## ABOUT HYACINTHS.

**H**YACINTHS have been known and cultivated in Europe for centuries, and are celebrated in poetry and in prose. The name, Hyacinthus, is of Greek origin, and the species from which our beautiful Dutch and Italian varieties originated are found growing in various parts of Southern Europe.

The bulbs are entirely hardy, and the proper time to buy and plant them is in autumn. They are alike valuable for culture in both window and garden. The single-flowered varieties are the most graceful, showy and beautiful, and are to be preferred either for indoor or out-door culture. They vary considerably in size and breadth of petals, their recurving, and their coloring, while some varieties produce dense, crowded, broad spikes, while others are long and narrow. The flowers are always of waxy texture, and of exquisite shades of red, white, pink and blue, while the perfume is never faint, and ever pleasing.

The bulbs are always sure to bloom, if potted or planted before winter sets in, but it is better not to defer the matter. The finest spikes of bloom are produced by bulbs that are given sufficient time to get well-rooted before blooming time is at hand.

For the house get only the single-flowered varieties and pot them firmly in light, rich soil, allowing the crown of the bulb

to protrude above the surface. See that the drainage is good. After potting water thoroughly and set the pot or pan in a dark, moderately warm place for from three to six weeks, until the roots are well developed, then bring the bulbs gradually to the light, as wanted. They will usually make but little top growth while in the dark, and if the growth is to be particularly retarded set the pots in a place just below the frost point, after roots are developed. By bringing to the light at different periods a collection of a dozen or more will furnish flowers for several weeks. The bulbs may also be grown in water, but soil culture is preferable. The chief thing in water culture is to avoid letting the water touch the base of the bulb, which often causes decay. The evaporation from the water is sufficient to draw out the roots.

For an out-door display in the spring, prepare a rich, oval or raised bed and set the bulbs about five inches apart and four or five inches deep, firming the soil after setting by tramping. If the ground is not wet and clammy you cannot tramp it too thoroughly. A sunny situation is preferable, especially if the bulbs are to remain in the bed for several years, as a shady place is sometimes too moist in summer, preventing the ripening of the bulbs and causing decay. The smaller



SINGLE HYACINTH SPIKE.

bulbs are more desirable than the larger ones, for they will enlarge and improve for several years, while the larger ones will degenerate or decay. If planted late a covering of stable manure will prevent freezing, and encourage the growth of roots before severe cold reaches the bulbs and retards development.

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**X Sowing Pansy Seeds.**—When the bed is spaded and raked cover it to the depth of two inches with sifted woods earth that will not bake or get hard. Press the surface even with a block or piece of board, and press rows about four inches apart to the depth of an eighth inch. In those rows sow the seeds thinly and cover with finely sifted soil till the row is full, then press with the block or board again until the surface is firm and level. When this is completed lay a piece of coarse sacking or cloth over and water the bed. Remove the cloth when the seeds begin to germinate, which will be in from eight to twelve days.

**Cyperus alternifolius.**—This is an aquatic plant, and while growing may be watered abundantly. Keep it drier in winter. Its propagation is easily effected by seeds, which should be sparingly covered, and the soil kept moist and warm till the plants appear, which will be in about ten days. In dryer soil germination will not take place till from twelve to twenty days. The plants may also be safely increased by division of the large plants. Keep the little plants well watered after potting, to encourage their growth.

**Fertilizer for Palms.**—A teaspoonful of aqua ammonia, to two quarts of water is a good fertilizer for Palms. Apply once a week during the growing period. When the plants are semi-dormant avoid fertilizing and free watering. The use of Castor oil as a fertilizer is not generally regarded as beneficial, as it clogs the soil, and prevents the air and moisture from penetrating it.

**Violets.**—To keep the Violet bed within bounds surround it by a board frame sunk in the ground till the boards are almost even with the surface. The same means may be used to confine other plants of spreading habit.

## HYACINTHS AND TULIPS.

**A** VERY attractive bed of spring flowers may be enjoyed by planting Hyacinths and Tulips together. The Hyacinths spring up early, almost as soon as the snow disappears, and as their delicious, waxy blooms fade the Single Early Tulips will develop, followed by the Double and Parrot varieties. A prolonged season of bloom can thus be obtained from a small bed.

Following is a simple arrangement for planting ten Hyacinths, ten Single Early Tulips, four Double Tulips and three Parrot Tulips:

H	S	H	S	H
S	D	S	D	S
H	P	H	P	H
S	D	S	D	S
H	S	H	S	H

These bulbs can be planted in a bed three feet long and two and a half feet broad. H represents the Hyacinths; S the Single Early Tulips; D the Double Tulips, and P the Parrot Tulips.

In planting prepare the bed by deep spading, and enriching with well-rotted manure from the cow yard. Then spread a layer of sharp sand half an inch deep, and press rows five inches apart the long way, using a piece of board with a straight edge. This done, press rows five inches apart the short way, and set the Hyacinths as indicated. Between the Hyacinths in the central row set the three Parrot Tulips, and at each side of the central Hyacinth place the Double Tulips. Now fill in the Single Tulips as indicated in the diagram. When all placed cover with a layer of four inches of soil, tramp it firmly, and throw over all a few forkfuls of stable litter.

Such a bed, though small, and costing but a few cents, will yield a beautiful display of gay flowers in the spring, and afford to all who see it untold pleasure for weeks during the early spring, when other garden flowers are scarce.

**X Gladiolus Bulbs.**—The large bulbs of Gladiolus usually produce two or more new bulbs during the season. Occasionally a bulb will be of such a free-blooming nature that its substance will be exhausted blooming. Such bulbs will deteriorate, and unless care is taken the variety may be lost. It is always well to keep the bulblets found at the roots when the bulbs are lifted, and plant them the next season. Before planting these remove the hard outer shell, to promote quick growth and early maturing.

**NON-BLOOMING CALLA.**

**W**HEN a winter-blooming Calla ceases to produce flowers bed it out in a moist, shady place in the spring, and let Nature care for it during summer. In the fall lift and pot it, and keep in the cellar, sparingly watered until the next spring, then bed out again. Two or three seasons of this treatment will develop the tubers until they will make fine non-blooming pot plants.

**Tin Cans.**—Many plants, in a warm, dry room, do better in tin vessels than in earthen ones. Primroses, Callas, Vincas and Geraniums, especially, thrive and bloom more freely in such receptacles. That the plants may be syringed or washed the tin vessels should be painted rather than papered, unless the paper can be often renewed. Some persons dress these receptacles with fancy papers placed loosely around them and secured with a narrow ribbon. These coverings are removed before the plants are given their weekly bath, and afterward replaced.

**X Day Lilies.**—The Day Lily, *Funkia grandiflora*, rarely fails to bloom when the plants become strong and well established. The plants thrive in a rich, tenacious clay soil, partially shaded. When they fail to bloom it would be well to apply a dressing of ground bones about them, or remove them to a place having a different soil and exposure from that occupied.

**Geranium Fungus.**—The leaves of Geraniums are sometimes attacked by a fungus, which appears as brown spots, and spreads until the foliage turns brown and drops off. There is no effectual remedy. Gather the diseased leaves as soon as the disease shows, and burn them, and cut away branches that are seriously affected. The spread of the disease will thus be avoided.

**Lily of the Valley.**—These delight in a rich, moist soil and partial shade, but usually bloom more freely in a poorer, dryer and more exposed place. Keep the bed free from grass. The plants often grow and bloom freely in a densely shaded situation. When plants are unsatisfactory in bloom it is well to change their place to a different soil or exposure.

**Hyacinths.**—Bulbs that are large and sound, even though forced last winter, will bloom in the house this season, if repotted, watered and kept in a dark place till well rooted. If the bulbs have split up into bulblets, or are light and spongy, they should be bedded out. They are not worth caring for in pots.

**ABOUT COLLINSIA.**

**A**MONG hardy annuals the Collinsias deserve a prominent place because of their attractiveness and beauty. The species are mostly natives of the United States, and are suited to our climate. The seeds should be sown in the fall early enough for the plants to become established and able to endure the winter.



Growth will then be resumed in early spring, and the flowers in whorls, as shown in the little engraving, will soon appear in great profusion. The plants branch freely and bear their whorls of bloom in the axils, so that each plant becomes a pyramid of rich bloom, continuing for five or six weeks to enrich the garden border. The name, *Collinsia*, was given to the genus in honor of Zaccheus Collins, once Vice President of the Academy of Sciences of Philadelphia. It is a near relative of the Pentstemon, and belongs to the natural order Scrophulariceæ.

**Passion Vine.**—The Passion Vine likes plenty of soil in which to develop and bloom. As a rule it does best in the open ground, where the roots are not hampered. Some persons bed the plant out in summer at the north, and lift and store in the cellar during winter. Seedling plants often delay blooming till three years old.

**Shrubs.**—Spirreas, Weigela and Japan Quince all do well planted out in a deep, rich, tenacious soil in a sunny situation. Any soil that will produce good grass or corn is rich enough to produce good shrubbery. Poor soil can be sufficiently enriched by spading in some well-decayed stable litter.

**Wire Trellises.**—Chicken wire is very desirable and convenient to use in constructing trellises for Sweet Peas, Mau randya, and other vines. The idea that the wire draws the heat and scorches the vines is not proven. The plants should cover the wire with foliage before the hot summer days come.

**Alyssum Saxatile.**—Seeds of this lovely perennial are not difficult to start, but are more tardy in germinating than those of the annual sort. They should be given the same care as Sweet Alyssum.

**LILIES.**

**M**AKE a Lily bed and it will extend itself for years, multiplying the number of bulbs every year. Lilies are hardy bulbs, if treated right, and persons in northern sections may not know that the pure white *Lilium Candidum*, Madonna Lily, is perfectly iron-clad. It looks delicate, but is quite enduring. Plant the bulbs nearly two feet under ground, in mellow soil, made of chip dirt, leaf mould, or thoroughly decayed cow manure mixed with sand. After they are covered over, put on a deep mulch of dry leaves, kept in place by chip dirt scattered over them, and if convenient put evergreen boughs over the soil, and let them alone. Lilies begin to grow soon after they are bedded out, and the green crowns of leaves appear waxy and tender, but in reality they are so hardy that they will stay frozen all winter and thaw out in the spring unhurt. Botanists say all Lilies are deep under ground in their native habitat. They also say the pure white Madonna Lily is a native of the mountains of Lebanon, hence its hardy constitution. Lilies of this kind ought to be planted as early in the fall as possible. They make their roots and crown of leaves before they have been in the ground six weeks, and the bloom stalks are sent up, bearing the beautiful, pure white Lilies in May in the South, and in June in the North. Lilies do much better left in one place for many years. They are impatient under the disturbing influence of resetting. The only time they can be safely taken up and reset is during the time that elapses when they cease blooming and die down to the ground, and early fall, when the tops begin to grow. That takes in the hot summer months, and it is easily to be seen that the bulbs will do better under ground, deep enough to keep cool, than if taken up. Lilies have a curious way of multiplying in top layers. This is shown when they have bloomed and the stalks turned yellow, when in removing or detaching them roots will be seen at the base of each. Take these stalks and bury them in some shady, damp place, and by fall small sized bulbs will have formed that in the second season will bloom. These flowers are so sweet and beautiful that they amply repay for the labor and expense of cultivation. There are other kinds of Lilies that are perfectly hardy, free to bloom, and that may be planted out, or potted, at any time the bulbs are procured. The Amaryllis class and the showy Speciosum Lilies are as sure to bloom as the old Tiger or Turk's Cap sorts, and the bulbs may be planted spring or fall, but fall is the preferable season.

Mrs. G. F. Drennan.  
New Orleans Co., La., Sept. 16, 1901.

**POTS FOR BULBS.**

**I**N planting bulbs, it is necessary to use a trifle of artistic discrimination. For instance, a large bulb of a gorgeous Tulip will become very showy in a three-inch pot, but would be out of place alone in a six inch pot. Nor would a single Hyacinth alone in a three-inch pot be very artistic, while a double Hyacinth with its large stock of bloom would be satisfactory in a small pot. Therefore, put double Hyacinths and Tulips in small pots. In a six-inch pot plant seven Tulips. In another six-inch pot put two Narcissus and three double or six single Hyacinths. A four-inch pot, having a white, a pink and a blue Hyacinth, makes a rich display. In fact, there is an unlimited opportunity for arrangement for delightful results. The Easter Lily bulbs want a large pot for each one.

Georgina S. Townsend.

Los Angeles Co., Cal., Aug. 7, 1901.

**Covering Wire Enclosures.** — It is often necessary to enclose flower beds with wire netting to keep out the chickens, cats and dogs. These unsightly fences may be made beautiful by planting vines and training them to run on and around the wire. A bed of blue and white Ageratum, enclosed with wire two feet high, and covered with scarlet runner makes a lovely red, white and blue bed, that can hardly be excelled. Gladioli with Cucumber vines is another pretty spot. Morning Glories and Madeira Vines are charming for this purpose. Nasturtiums with their runners hanging over the wire are sufficient in themselves for one bed, giving color and grace. Thus we might name a long list of plants and vines, combining them, making an otherwise unattractive place, a place of beauty.

E. B.

Worcester Co., Mass., Aug. 3, 1901.

**Acalypha Sanderi.** — In order to enable this plant to properly develop itself it should be given a well drained pot (proportionate to the size of the plant), and a compost of two thirds turfy loam, one third well decayed manure and a good sprinkling of bone dust. As soon as the pot becomes well filled with roots give liquid manure once a week, or else shift on into pots of a larger size. It must also be given a warm, moist atmosphere and a sunny situation, and as these are most essential to its well doing I don't think that it will prove to be adapted for the window garden, although as a warm greenhouse plant it cannot be too highly praised.

Chas. E. Parnell.

Queens Co., N. Y., July 13, 1901.

[**NOTE.**—Reports from those who have tried this Acalypha in the window would be of interest.—ED.]

**WILD ASTERS.**

When crimson and gold are the green leaves of summer,  
And tangled and browning the red clover lies;  
When frosts on the meadows will blight each late-comer,  
And far to the Southland each sweet song-bird flies;  
When ripe grain is garnered, and harvest is over,  
And softly, yet wearily, falls the cool rain;  
When grapes ripe and purple call the bee, the late-rover,  
'Tis then the wild Asters will bloom in the lane.  
Those bonny blue Asters, those shy winsome Asters,  
Those sweet blue-eyed Asters will bloom in the lane.

The Goldenrod, airily, nods by the highways,  
The Sumach now flaunts its gay garnet and green,  
The winsome blue Gentian now blooms in the byways,  
But sweeter than all are the Asters, I ween.  
But she who has loved them, in peace now is sleeping

In far away Southland, beneath the Jasmine,  
And lonely I wander, the old tryst still keeping,  
Among the wild Asters that our love entwine.  
Those bonny blue Asters, those shy winsome Asters,

Those lonely wild Asters that our love entwine.  
The summer is dead, and the days dark and dreary,  
Now misty and leaden the once sunny skies.  
E'en rustling of leaves 'neath the Maples sound weary,  
But bravely the Asters still 'ope their blue eyes,  
And she who has loved them, thus ever in shadow  
Or sunshine, would give of her heart's purest gold.

Now peaceful she rests, and all lonely I wander,  
Among the wild Asters with hearts of pure gold.  
Those wild purple Asters, those shy winsome Asters,  
Those lonely wild Asters with hearts of pure gold.

*Annie Bodey Calland.*

*Champaign Co., Ohio, Sept., 1901.*

*In memory of her sister, Mrs. E. M. Reeder.*

**HIDDEN MERIT.**

A rough old thistle grew by the road,  
And the people who passed it by  
Looked at its awkward shape and said,  
With a disapproving eye:  
'I should think they would cut that thistle down  
Before it has gone to seed,  
I am sure that Nature can find no use  
For the noxious, prickly weed.'

A Goldfinch balancing through the air  
In search of a place to stop,  
Came floating down on its yellow wing,  
And perched on the thistle top;  
And I heard it say, as I passed that way:  
"Now this is my favorite seed,  
And I'm sure that Nature was thinking of me  
When she grew this beautiful weed."

*Florence Josephine Boyce.*

*Washington Co., Vt., Sept. 14, 1901.*

**NATURE'S WEDDING.**

Years ago (if the fable is true),  
Dame Nature wedded a pair,  
The bride with eyes of the heaven's blue,  
And the groom with golden hair;  
And under the dome of the autumn skies  
No happier couple trod,  
Than sweet Miss Aster with azure eyes,  
And her good King Goldenrod.

And since that day (if the fable is true),  
Their many descendants share  
The mother's beautiful eyes of blue,  
And the father's golden hair;  
And every fall you will see them stand,  
Around on the wayside sod,  
Little Miss Asters, hand in hand,  
With a young King Goldenrod.

*Florence Josephine Boyce.*  
*Washington Co., Vt., Sept. 14, 1901.*

**TWO PICTURES.**

I passed a grand and stately home,  
'Twas wondrous fair to see,  
It seemed to speak of wealth untold,  
Yet lonely seemed to me.  
No flowers upon the grassy lawn,  
No trees where wild birds nest  
And carol their sweet mating songs,  
That tell of their hearts' sweet rest.

I passed a little vine-clad cot,  
'Twas passing fair to me.  
Here Roses clambered o'er the porch,  
And wild birds sang in glee;  
With beauteous flowers everywhere,  
It seemed some fairy's bower,  
Far from the cities' strife and toil,  
Peace filled each tranquil hour.

*Annie Bodey Calland.*  
*Champaign Co., Aug. 14, 1901.*

**THE WARING YEAR.**

With autumn tints the woodlands glow,  
Across the fields the soft winds blow,  
A golden haze envelopes all.  
And drowsily the faint notes fall,  
Of distant sheep-bells, on the ear,  
Low, sweet and distant, but yet clear;  
And springing from the sun-browned sod,  
Flames forth the gilded Golden Rod.

*L. C. Bishop.*  
*Clark Co., Ohio, Aug. 20, 1901.*

**FLOWERS.**

In the meadows and woods they're growing,  
The flowers of many hues;  
And where woodland streams are flowing,  
There in the sun and dews.  
In the happy days of spring time,  
And in weather, dark and drear,  
Teaching us all a truth sublime,  
Bringing light, and hope, and cheer.

*W. C. Mollett.*  
*Martin Co., Ky., Aug. 11, 1901.*

**BACHELOR BUTTONS.**

O, beautiful Bachelor Buttons,  
The choicest blossoms of all,  
When others look saddened and dreary,  
You smile just as sweet in the Fall.

*Cortland Co., N. Y.* *Mrs. E. D. Packney.*

**LATE BULB PLANTING.**

**A**LL will agree, that for cost, time and worry, there is nothing that will give as great returns as bulbs, but sometimes one simply cannot order their supply early. No denying the earlier the better, but because you cannot order early, you need not wait until another year. Last year, I planted bulbs in October, in January and in March and received blossoms from all. The October planting gave the largest flowers, but the January planting gave me some nice blossoms, and one or two of the March-planted Dutch Hyacinths gave nice blooms, but bloomed after the Tulips. The March-planted Tulips did not blossom to do much good, because the sun was so hot by the time their buds swelled that it injured them. A hint as to late planting: Wait until the ground is thawed, and in some shape to cultivate, then, if the soil is not rather rich, mix in well rotted manure, sand and wood ashes until the soil is loose and warm. Next, plant your bulbs deep, twice as deep as if it were September or October, then give a good mulch of leaves, or coarse manure. Leave this mulch on a week or two longer than you leave it on the early planted bulbs. The deep planting and mulch left on long favors root formation before the bud forces. Some of the March bulbs, both Hyacinths and Tulips, were planted in a box, the box kept in a room by a heating stove. The Hyacinths did their best, poor things, and tried to bloom, but such short spikes, just two or three sweet bells, not near as nice as the bedded ones. October and early November is the best time for early planting, but late is better than none, even if you have no blooms next spring. The bulbs will be there ready for blooming the next year, and at such a small cost. By removing mulch from part of the bulbs at a time, one can have a succession of bloom, but do not delay the removing too late, unless the bed is shaded, else the sun will scorch the sweet things.

Emma C.  
Vermillion Co., Ind., Sept., 1901.

[NOTE.—By late, deep planting and heavy mulching a display of Hyacinths and Tulips may be enjoyed two weeks or more after the ordinary spring bloom of these flowers has faded. The experiment is worth trying.—Ed.]

**Chickens and Flowers.**—My, how my little chickens grow! I feed them liberally with meal, but they just enjoy the fat Tea Rose buds, small Daisies, and for exercise transplant all my seedlings and dig out the potted plants for an imaginary worm. I have promised them a nice yard next year, then I can have beautiful flowers, for they were almost a failure this year on account of the chicks. Ima.

Geauga Co., Ohio, July 6, 1901.

**THE POPPY FIELDS.**

**M**ANY of the tourists who come to Southern California in the winter, make up parties to go to the famous Poppy fields. They lie up in the foothills, between Altadena and Rubio Canon. Acres of rolling ground, which during the summer, or dry season, are brown and bare, turn to the lively green of the Eschscholzia, at the first heavy rains, and then spring into the most vivid color known in the floral world. The California Poppy is of a satiny texture, and its sheen, with a color so goldenly vivid, that the flaming fields can be seen at sea, thirty miles away. The flower is four-petaled, the leaves a silvery green, and the color of the flower indescribable. No artist has yet produced anything that is like it. Easterners find the California Poppy a great addition to their summer garden. It is an annual, easily grown from seed, and does particularly well during the droughty spells which occur in the eastern sections in mid-summer. Those which were growing in my yard bloomed all summer, because I watered them, but the Poppies in the field die down when the rains cease. I noticed that those which got the hot sun were of the vivid coloring, while with those on the north side, where the shade lay most of the day, that the coloring was faded, almost to white.

Georgina S. Townsend.  
Los Angeles Co., Cal., Aug. 7, 1901.

**Rudbeckia, Golden Glow.**—Two years ago last spring I received by mail a Rudbeckia about six inches tall. It grew two feet the first year and had one blossom. Last year there were twenty stalks and over one hundred blossoms. This summer it is a mass of glorious golden bloom, which may be seen as far as the eye can reach. Today I counted forty stalks and between six and seven hundred blossoms, and buds of all sizes, enough to last till snow flies. I wish to divide the root and would like to know which would be the best time, fall or spring. It is a beautiful addition to any flower garden. If I were to start tomorrow for the Klondike region I think I would dig up my Golden Glow and carry it with me.

S. Minerva Boyce.

Washington Co., Vt., Sept. 4, 1901.

[ANS.—The very hardy character of the "Golden Glow" makes it possible to divide and reset the plants either in fall or spring. One season is as good as the other.—ED.]

**Oil for Callas.**—To apply oil to Callas pour four or five drops on the earth next to the plant twice a week. This gives the leaves a glossy appearance. Sweet oil is best.

Molly.

Cayuga Co., N. Y., July 31, 1901.

## CINERARIAS OR CAPE ASTERS.

HERE are few handsomer pot plants when in bloom, than Cinerarias or Cape Asters. That is, if they are well-grown, well-fed and well-tended plants. A poor one is indifferent enough, and if not sharply looked after the aphis gets in its work, and spoils the plant. So it is not surprising that they have earned the name of being hard to grow, and are rarely seen. Yet they are not particularly difficult to succeed with, and they are so markedly different from the ordinary run of house plants, and so truly beautiful, that they are worth favoring a little. When growing luxuriantly, and showered regularly, so that the large, crumpled leaves have a chance to attain their best, the foliage is really attractive. Besides, this thick, clustered mass of leaves at the base, makes an admirable setting for the bright, graceful flowers that come up from the center of the plant. The blooms are large and Daisy-like, often showing two or three colors in the same flower. They sport into many colors, purple, pink, carmine, violet, bright blue, lilac and white. A good specimen resembles a bouquet in itself. They are not at all hard to grow from seed. The seeds are rather small, and should be sown in boxes or pots. The seedlings grow best in fibrous soil, such as rotted sods, etc. Mix this with one-fourth clear sand, and rub the soil fine without sifting it. Cover the seeds but slightly, and keep moist, but not soaking wet. Do not sow until the weather becomes mild enough to allow of fresh air being given to the seedlings every day. There is no trouble of damping off when this is done, but much danger of it if neglected. They germinate quickly. When they have made two or three leaves they should be transplanted, using small pots at first, then shifting into larger. About the second shift, sink the pots into the open ground in a shady spot, and let them remain until the first of September. Now take them up, and if their pots are full of roots, as they probably are, shift into still larger pots. Begin to inure them to the house, so that when the days of stove heat come they may have already become wonted to a close atmosphere. This seasoning to an indoor environment is quite a factor in the successful treatment of them. Their large, many-nerved leaves catch dust badly. Shower their foliage often, to keep it clean. Keep a sharp lookout for aphis, and fight the first one that appears. After buds show, give weak manure water, the color of not over-strong tea. Give this once a fortnight. About November, good strong plants will begin to bloom, and their display will be kept up until

early summer of the next year. They are really short-lived perennials, and after blooming the pots can be filled to the tops with sand, kept wet, and after the branches have taken root, they can be separated and planted anew. Fresh starting from seeds is preferable. Remember that Cinerarias at all times like plenty of air, and that tobacco smoke is injurious to them. Unlike Geraniums, they will blossom well with little sunshine.

Lora S. La Mance.

McDonald Co., Mo., Sept. 5, 1901.

[NOTE.—Cinerarias cannot be grown in a close, hot atmosphere. They like a cool temperature and plenty of ventilation. Again, the plants must be shifted as soon as the pots fill with roots, to keep them from becoming stunted. If troubled with aphis, place some tobacco stems loosely over them for a day or two at intervals of three or four days.—Ed.]

**Rudbeckia, Golden Glow.**—The old gentleman called it Rebecca flower, and said it was just the loveliest thing he ever saw. He certainly was correct regarding its beauty. For general usefulness it is perfection. The roots are hardy, and it grows eight feet in a season. With us in California, it grows twelve feet, and the roots multiply rapidly and may be divided. The flowers appearing in August, between annuals and Chrysanthemums, are especially acceptable. The color is rich gold, the flower double, borne on long, tough stems, excellent for cutting, and no pests ever infest the plant. What more do you ask, perfume? Well no, it isn't fragrant, but then some people do want the earth.

Georgina S. Townsend.

Los Angeles Co., Cal., Aug. 7, 1901.

**Calla Lilies in Paint Kegs.**—I tucked a big bulb into an old paint keg, with lots of good prairie loam, and watered it when I gave the general watering. I never saw such an immense Calla as it is now, and it is sending out two great buds. I credit it all to the paint pot. It holds the moisture. The common flower pot is so porous that the rootlets dry out. These white rootlets we always find packed and coiled about close to the edge of the pot.

Kit Clover.

Dubuque Co., Iowa, March 27, 1901.

**Cinerarias.**—There is very little said in the Magazine about Cinerarias. If the Sisters could see mine loaded with beautiful flowers, I am sure they would all grow them for winter flowers. The only trouble I have in growing them is that little green fly, but by going over them two or three times a week and killing all I find the plants are large and the flowers beautiful. They need good light, a cool place, rich soil and plenty of water.

Mrs. Ellen H. Garlough.

St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., Feb. 5, 1901.

**SAPONARIA OCYMOIDES.**

**B**EONGING to the Pink Family we have the very beautiful trailing plant known botanically as Saponaria Ocy-moides, but sometimes called Rock Soapwort. The plants are readily propagated from seeds, which may be sown in the fall. The plants begin to bloom the second season, and will branch and spread until quite a large patch is covered. The flowers are produced in May, and appear in clusters in wonderful profusion, almost entirely hiding the foliage. They are of a pleasing pink color, and always admired.

For rock work, for cemetery planting, or for garden borders this lovely perennial is unsurpassed. The plants are entirely hardy, and will take care of themselves when not choked out by tenacious grasses. The engraving herewith will indicate the habit of the plant and the appearance of a cluster of the flowers.

**Cupid Sweet Peas.**—My first and only experience with Cupid, or Dwarf Sweet Peas, was in the summer of 1898. They were then advertised as a remarkable novelty, only the white variety being known. I planted them in the garden near the tall varieties, giving them exactly the same soil and treatment. They were somewhat slow in coming up and they grew very slowly and were a long time in coming into flower. They produced only a few flowers and soon were ready to die down, long before the tall varieties had begun to cease flowering. To my mind they were not in any way as desirable as the older varieties, and I have never tried to grow them since. Tastes will differ, and what is considered beautiful by one person may not appear at all pretty to another. The dwarf varieties of Sweet Peas may be desirable for growing where space is limited, but I much prefer the tall varieties.

W. C. Mollett.

Martin Co., Ky., July 17, 1901.

**Potting Crinums.**—In potting Crinums let the neck protrude above the soil.

**SWAINSONIAS AND JASMINE GRANDIFLORUM.**

**I**AM very partial to Swainsonias and always have good success with them. They come as near being perpetual bloomers as any flower I know. The white is the loveliest of the two, although they grow and bloom equally well. They are much like the Heliotrope as to treatment. If they once become chilled, are allowed to dry out, or become too root-bound, it takes a long time for them to regain their customary vigor of growth. Although the soil should not be kept soggy, it must always be moist. I use chip dirt when potting them, and always give good drainage. They will grow and bloom in the shade, but will do much better in the full sunshine. The red and gray spiders are their worst enemies, but these may be kept at a distance by spraying the foliage daily with tepid water, or at least every sunny day. The sun should not shine on the foliage while wet. They bloom best when the pots are nearly filled with roots, but if allowed to become too pot-bound the leaves will turn yellow and fall. In a year from starting they will easily fill a ten-inch pot. This is as large as I allow them. When they become too root-bound in a ten-inch pot, I turn them out of the pot and cut off at least half of the root and old soil, then put back in the same pot with fresh soil and charcoal. A new growth of foliage soon starts, with a fresh supply of bloom.

Jasmine grandiflorum I treat in the same manner, and cut back the foliage when I cut back the roots. It is another perpetual bloomer. The blossoms are much sweeter than the Swainsonias, being a mingling of every sweet scent known.

Annie Bodey Calland.  
Champaign Co., Ohio, Aug. 14, 1901.

[NOTE.—The Swainsonias are natives of New South Wales. They are leguminous, Pea-like vines of easy culture, and well deserve the above words of commendation. The flower clusters are not only showy upon the plant, but valuable for cutting.—ED.]



SAPONARIA OCYMOIDES.

## CALIFORNIA VIOLETS.

**T**HERE is something luscious about the word California, and its Violets are no exception to its rule of loveliness. They are single, a lovely blue, wide open and large, borne on long stems. A year ago, a niece gave me a clump from her garden. I separated the roots and put them in a bed around the biggest Palm in my front yard, where I have eight Palms, of three varieties. The bed was made quite rich, and after the rains began the Violets began to grow. In February the bed was a mass of plants, and every day I could pick a large handful of Violets. Their fragrance is indescribably delicious. The Violets here need only ordinary care, and thinning out when they get too thick. Mine were troubled with nothing. The California is a very hardy Violet, and does well with pot culture. I have Swanley white, Belle de Bruneau, Hume Campbell, and the purple very sweet English Violet, and one of a white shaded with lavender, but California is my favorite.

Georgina S. Townsend.  
Los Angeles Co., Cal., July 11, 1901.

**Russelia juncea.**—Thoroughly discouraged and disgusted with my plant of Russelia juncea, after coaxing and petting it for a year, and finding it covered with aphis, and not a bud in sight, I set it out among some Geraniums in a bed near the stoop. The warm spring rains banished the aphis, and several of the long, fine branches rooted to the ground. One day I noticed it covered with reddish brown knobs, and also found that the chickens had picked off a great many that lay near the plant on the ground. Poor, neglected plant. It was soon given a place among my other plants, and was a beauty for weeks, each bloom over an inch in length, and a bright red color. It would have been almost impossible to have counted the blossoms, there were so many. Ima.

Geauga Co., Ohio.

[NOTE.—*Russelia juncea*, unlike *R. elegantissima*, is rather uncertain about blooming. The latter is sure to bloom under almost any conditions, is more showy, graceful and free-blooming, and is, in every way, one of the most beautiful and desirable of window plants. If you have it there will be no need of being annoyed with the older uncertain sort.—ED.]

**Castor Oil.**—Castor Oil is of no benefit whatever to Callas, so don't apply it. Rather give them pots proportionate to the size of the bulb or plant, and a compost made up of one-third well rotted manure, and two-thirds turfy loam. During the winter months give a temperature of from 55 to 60 degrees, as light and sunny a situation as possible, and an abundant supply of water. C. E. P.

Queens Co., N. Y., July 13, 1901.

## TRAILING ARBUTUS.

**O**NE OF THE earliest, most beautiful, and best known of our spring wildlings in New Hampshire is the world-renowned Mayflower or Trailing Arbutus. This blossoms during April or the first of May. Sometimes the flowers will be almost pure white, others tinged with pink, and still others will be a deep pink. This flower is prized for its fragrance as well as for its beauty. In some localities it has become extinct, so ruthlessly has it been pulled up, roots and all. It is an exceedingly hard plant to transplant, but few being successful in making it thrive in its new home. Ethelyn.

Worcester Co., Mass., June 10, 1901.

## QUIT WHITE BREAD.

Could not Get Strength from It.

An Episcopalian minister of Ellenville, N. Y., who is interested not only in the spiritual welfare of his congregation, but in their physical well-being also, says, "I can now do an immense amount of work and feel no fatigue, for the reason that I am using Grape-Nuts breakfast food and have quit coffee entirely and am using Postum Food Coffee.

Myself and family are all greatly improved in health. We have largely abandoned the use of white bread. Upwards of twenty-five persons have changed their diet, on my recommendation. It is gladly given, because I know, from personal experience, whereof I speak."

It is a well-known fact that white bread is almost entirely composed of starch and this is difficult of digestion by many people, particularly those who have weak intestinal digestion. The result of the use of much white bread is a lack of brain and nervous power to do mental work, and it also creates intestinal troubles, because the excess of starch ferments in the intestines and makes the conditions right for the growth of microbes; whereas Grape-Nuts breakfast food contains the needed starch, but in a predigested form. That is, it is transformed into grape sugar in the process of manufacture, and delivered in the packages, ready cooked, and in such shape that it is immediately assimilated without hard work of the digestive organs.

The food also contains the delicate particles of phosphate of potash which, combined with albumen, is used by nature to make the gray matter that must be in the cells of the brain and the nerve centers, throughout the body, in order to give strength and ability to stand long and continuous work. Both the Postum Food Coffee and Grape-Nuts are sold by all first-class grocers.

**PETUNIAS IN WINTER.**

I WOULD advise all persons who fail to get their plants to bloom in winter, to try a few plants of the common Petunia. Late last summer I sowed seeds in a pot, and when they became large enough I transplanted them three in a pot. I had several pots setting on a box in the garden. They showed plenty of flowers, but I tried to keep them cut back. Twice I cut them nearly even with the soil. In the fall after frost came, I potted in fresh soil, cleaned off the dead leaves, and set them in the window. Today, Feb. 14, I notice one pot has twenty open flowers, each flower nearly three inches across, and quite fragrant. All they require is plenty of water and sunshine. They will stand considerable cold at night.

Frank Walter.

Monroe Co., Pa., Feb. 14, 1901.

**Treatment of Maidenhair Fern.**—Here is the way I treat our native Maidenhair Fern. My brother found one in the woods, and lifting it, bodily, dirt and all, on a shovel, he brought it home. We had a nice box made, about 14 by 18 inches and 14 inches deep, filled it with sand, and set the Fern in the center. The box is under a big California Pepper Tree, where it gets a little sunshine in the morning, and no more until about four o'clock in the afternoon. The winter rains start it to growing, then I begin to water it and keep it up daily till the tops die down in the fall. It is indeed "a thing of beauty and a joy for"—several months every year.

Mrs. Willis Morrison.

Los Angeles Co., Cal., April 2, 1901.

**Seedling Ferns.**—Ferns are quite easily grown from seeds or spores, found on the under side of the fronds. Fill pots half full of drainage, then cover to half an inch of the top with sifted loam, leaf-mold and sand, in equal parts. Smooth the surface of the soil and place in a tub of water until thoroughly wet, then scatter the spores over, not too thickly, cover with glass or a piece of flannel and set away in a warm, shady place for two or three weeks, when the tiny plants will appear. If they require more water before the seeds sprout place in water as before, but do not disturb the soil by pouring water on. When large enough transplant into separate pots.

Jessie Lynch.

Yamhill Co., Oreg., Feb. 7, 1901.

**Rooting Roses.**—If those who have trouble rooting Roses will put a glass jar over the cuttings and let it stay until the Rose outgrows the jar, they will never have any more trouble rooting Roses.

Lillie Hicks.

Clark Co., Miss., Feb. 4, 1901.

**BOX PLANTS.**

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Suffolk Co., Mass., May 9, 1901.

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## BRIEF ANSWERS.

**Various Things.**—The best time to plant the Crimson Rambler Rose is in the spring. \*\* Heliotropes thrive and bloom better in an exposed position than in a shady place. \*\* The Rose bed should be kept clean of weeds, and mulched, unless you wish to carpet it with verdure to keep the soil cool and moist. In that case Kenilworth Ivy (*Linaria Cymbalaria*) is one of the best plants that can be used. The plants are easily grown from seeds.

**Lily of the Valley.**—Pips of Lily of the Valley imported from growers in Germany may be purchased of dealers in November or early December, and can be bedded out at once. They are entirely hardy, and will come into bloom in the spring. If lifted after frozen and brought to a cool room the flowers will appear late in winter. If potted and kept where the ground will freeze, then brought to the window, the flowers may be developed in mid-winter.

**Bird of Paradise.**—Seeds of Bird of Paradise, Poinciana, usually germinate readily when they are fresh. When old and dry they will require several weeks to sprout. It is generally a good plan to soak the seeds for a day in warm water before planting. Plant the seeds edgewise, and avoid watering too freely. Seedling plants usually come into bloom the second season.

**Sacred Lily.**—The Chinese Sacred Lily will grow for a season after blooming, but then the leaves wilt and die. Water should be withheld, and the bulb given a season of rest, as soon as the leaves show signs of fading. It is better to get and plant new bulbs each season. Bulbs that have bloomed in winter are not reliable for blooming another.

**Rubber Trees.**—Lately it is fashionable to train the Rubber Plant into tree form. To do this cut the top off, and encourage the growth of branches from the stem, eight or ten inches from the ground. The dense growth of large leaves which is produced by the new branches is always greatly admired.

**Wormwood.**—The plants of Wormwood are easily raised from seeds. Sow in the spring, where you wish the plants to grow, and shelter until the seedlings are large enough to take care of themselves.

**Tecomia Smithii.**—This is a shrubby vine, hardy in the South, but requiring protection North. It is readily grown from seeds, and bears lovely, showy trumpet-shaped flowers during the autumn.

**Thimble Berry.**—The Thimble Berry is probably the Black-cap Raspberry, the large fruits of which are not unlike a thimble in general appearance.

**Mr. Park:**—I think your Magazine is appreciated wherever it is known. I have taken it eleven years. I have also taken a number of others, and have yet to find one as good as yours. I like it because what you find in it can always be relied upon. When you recommend anything one can always depend upon finding it just as you say. I have 150 pot plants, but would want the Magazine if I hadn't a flower.

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Yates Co., N. Y., March 24, 1901.

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### CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—Mamma has taken your Magazine for eight years, and she likes it very much. I like to read the letters in the Children's Corner. I am nine years old. I am a little Mormon girl. I go to school, and am in the third grade. For pets, I have a cat and two chickens. My mamma got flowers from you. I love flowers very much. In the summer mamma picks flowers and lets me take them to all the old ladies in town, and they like them very much.

Dora Jessop.

Cache Co., Utah, Feb. 28, 1901.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl ten years old. My mother is dead and father is a section foreman. I stay with my grandma. I like to read the Children's Corner. For pets, I have a cow, a little calf, and four cats. I love flowers, and I am going to have a flower garden this year. I have a canary bird. I call it Reetie. It is nine ears old. My mother loved flowers, and she used to read your Magazine.

Pauline F. Sanders.

Summers Co., W. Va., March 3, 1901.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have your flowers in grandma's garden. I have not been out in the garden to see them for a long time, so I do not know whether they have brought forth flowers or not. I am a little girl seven years old. I have two brothers, one is nine and the other five. My mamma and papa were to the Buffalo Exposition this summer. Yours truly,

Florence Chester Johnson.

Bergen Co., N. J., Sept. 11, 1901.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl thirteen ears old. I live on a farm, and have a great many pets. I have a pony, a Russian rat, a cat, a dog, a flying squirrel, a rabbit, a duck and pens. Mamma takes your Magazine, and I enjoy reading the letters in the Children's Corner. I hope this letter will find its way there. I go to school and am in the sixth grade. I love flowers very much and raise a great many.

Allegany Co., N. Y. Pearl Isaman.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl seven years old, and go to school. I am in the second grade. I dearly love flowers. I have a little flower garden every summer, and take a bouquet to my teacher every morning. I have two pet cats. I like Tulips best. I have one sister. We are going to get a parrot.

Margaret Speirs.

Tama Co., Iowa, Feb. 26, 1901.

Dear Mr. Park:—This is Washington's birthday and also mine. I am twelve years old today. We have been getting your Magazine for several years. I always like to read the children's letters. I go to school every day, and I am in the fifth grade. I have a pet cat and his name is Duke.

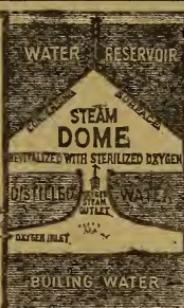
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## GOSSIP.

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Geauga Co., Ohio, July 10, 1901.

Floral Sister:—While rambling in the woods one day last fall, I found three plants which were new to me. The first was a vine, the leaves of which looked like Moonflower leaves. The blossoms were blue, in clusters, shaped like a Potato blossom. The next was a plant of variegated Catnip, the foliage being cut deeper than the green variety. Some of the leaves were pure yellow, the rest yellow and green variegated. The last plant was a species of Moss, the fronds being six inches long, and of leathery texture. It occupies a prominent place among my flowers.

Geauga Co., Ohio, Jan. 24, 1901.

Dear Band:—I called on Nabbie Frost the other day. Now, Nabbie had called on me early in the spring and I gave her a peck basketful of slips, rooted plants, and bulbs. If she had gone to a greenhouse those same plants would have cost her two dollars. Why, Nabbie, I said, where are all those plants I gave you. "Oh!" says she, "the slips did not root and those that were rooted, rotted, the chickens ate the bulbs, and I am coming after some more some day, soon." That was too bad, was what I said, but I will not write what I thought. Can you guess, Ima.

Geauga Co., Ohio, July 10, 1901.

Mr. Editor:—Solicicilic acid is recommended by some to preserve fruit without cooking, but my experience with it is that it is unfit for the stomach. I nearly died from the effects of the poison, which was not immediate, and I discovered what ailed me only after I learned of the nature of the powder.

Mrs. M. E. McKee.  
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Mrs. Gertrude Hall.

Placer Co., Cal., June 19, 1901.

Mr. Park:—Your Magazine is the best of its class. As times are close, I have discarded others, but shall still continue to subscribe for yours, as I consider it the best.

Mrs. Phebe Bailey.

Lewis Co., Ohio, Aug. 9, 1901.

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Mr. Park:—In the June Magazine is an extract from an English journal wherein the new Dwarf or Bush Sweet Pea is seemingly much condemned. I do not think this must be taken too literally. The writer only wants to show his eternal devotion to the older sort where the two are called into question. He does not impute any high crimes or misdemeanors to the latter. A dwarf is not to blame for his stature. The Cupid Sweet Peas were of course a delusion and a snare, ungratefully disappointing all those who were prepared to receive them with open arms. If these newcomers are of the same family, they have done well to discard the name and correct the vices of their ancestors. It was with some misgiving that I gave place to them, some in the open border facing west, a poor selection, and some in window boxes, outside the eastern windows. Here they did the best, growing thrifly and well, being more sheltered, I suppose. If courteously offered a little support, they do not refuse, but do not ask for it. The flowers appear nearly as large as those of the climbing race, though the plants were, some of them, only a few inches high. The colors thus far appearing follow the same repertoire of the older sort, but probab'y more limited. While it is true the old favorites "have climbed into and twined around our hearts" to such an extent that we would never displace them, I see no reason to refuse hospitality to these strangers. They ask but simple bed and board and no attendance.

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## GOSSIP.

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Escambia Co., Fla., Dec. 15, 1900.

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Annice Bodey Calland.

Champaign Co., Ohio, Sept. 27, 1901.

Edging.—One thing I intend trying this spring is edging my beds with Parsley and Sweet Alyssum. I will tell you how I like the effect later.

Hunterdon Co., N. J., Apr. 3, 1901. Brownie.

## MAGAZINE APPRECIATED.

Dear Mr. Park:—Your Magazine is most highly appreciated in our home, and as we have taken it for years, we feel we cannot get along without it.

Mr. Geo. Bett.

Atchison, Co., Kas., Oct. 17, 1901.

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